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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Prayer for the grant of a cash Jasdik to the Sri Kodandaramaswami temple at Lukkur in the Malur Taluk.

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	Misc. F. 659 of 1913.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No. ~~57-1907~~ 107-07

Subject.

Prayer for the grant of a Cash Tasdik to the Sri Kodandaramaswami Temple at Lakkur in the Malur Taluk.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

Letter No. 3948/188 dated the 17th. January 1908. Dated

Mr. G. L. Lakshmanasami, Retired ~~Assistant~~ Civil Surgeon, Mysore Medical Service, addrssed a Petition to the Muzrai Secretary in July 1907 wherein he prayed that in consideration of the ~~enormous~~ large sums of money spent by him and by the Villagers of Lakkur towards the betterment and well-being of the Sri Kodandaramaswami Temple at the place and also in consideration of the handsome pudvats of Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 1020/- he and the Villagers are going to offer in cash for the

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benefit of the temple, a cash tasdik may, in addition, be sanctioned for the upkeep of this Institution.

The petition having been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, for - enquiry and report, the report and the records * Paper under disposal connected with the case- together with the Deputy Commissioner's own opinion in the matter - have been received in this Office. The report is exhaustive and gives a full account of the ancient history and the present condition of the temple.

In detailing the ~~ancient~~ history of the temple the Dy. Commissioner says " that the temple is a very ancient one , having taken its origin simultaneously with the ~~finding~~ founding of the village of Lakkur and that it, ~~being~~ is a non-muzrai institution, not being endowed with land or cash inam , but was in receipt of a monthly grant of two Kantirai Varahas from the Mysore Palace during the time of

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His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur, III, which, however, ceased ~~to exist~~ after His Highness' demise. Since then, the temple is being maintained in a very efficient condition by the devotees themselves without any monetary aid from Govt. ~~or other source~~. One Pandit Ramaiya, who is said to have been in the service of His Highness the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur, III as a Native Doctor, seems to have taken a good deal of interest in the temple affairs and to have extensively improved the temple from his private resources. After his death, the management of the temple affairs passed on to the hands of one Lakshmaiya, the nephew of the deceased Pandit, and ever since his death which occured in 1881-82 it has been under the control and supervision of his sons Messrs G.V. Ramaswami and Lakshmanasami. In 1897, the said Mr. Ramasami with the assistance of one Patel Venkataramaiya and some of the Villagers of Lakkur, execute

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certain works of improvements to the temple at an esti-
mated cost of nearly Rs. 4000/-.

In 1899-900 when plague broke out in the village, some
mischievously disposed persons mutilate the Mula-
vigraha, Mr. Lakshmanasami with the assistance of Patel
Venkataramaiya and others reconsecrated the idol at
a cost of Rs. 3000/- and effected several improvements
to the temple, in addition to the construction of a
Yagasala, a Pakasala, a Vahanasala and a Compound Wall
around the temple, costing in all nearly Rs. 10000/-.
The several improvements effected ~~to~~ and the new build-
ings raised in the temple - from time to time - have
been estimated by the villagers at Rs. 20000/- and by
the Taluk Amildar and the Dy. Commissioner from
~~Rs. 10000/-~~ at Rs. 15000/-

In addition, Mr. Lakshmanasami has been, since June 1905,
regularly paying sum of Rs. 25/- per mensem towards
the establishment, Paditara and other charges of
the temple. The said sum of Rs.25/- is utilized as

follows :-

(i) Archak Rs.5/-, Parichark Rs.5/- Mantrapushpa Re.1/-, Neivedya Rs.10/-, Ghee, Abhisheka on Ekadasi days oil Rs.3/- usicians and other miscellaneous charges Rs.3/-. As Mr. Lakshmanasami has ~~been~~ retired from service, he pleads his inability to pay these charges regularly hereafter out of his pension amount and the villagers too are unanimous in saying that the further maintenance of the temple by private contributions &ca. is not feasible in as much as they have already spent large sums ~~spared no pains on their own~~ to bring the temple to its present good condition.

Moreover, the Villagers with the hearty co-operation of Mr. Lakshmanasami, have endowed the temple with gold and silver jewels and ~~other~~ brass &ca. vessels ~~of much public utility~~, worth nearly Rs.2130/- and also lands worth Rs. 1580/-.

It will, however, be seen from the Vernacular re-

cords

records submitted by the Dy. Commissioner, Hat long before Mr. Lakshmanasami presented his Petition to the Muzrai Secretary, a petition on similar lines and with identical prayers had been presented by the Villagers to the then Amildr of the Malur Taluk and action was being taken on it by the Taluk and District Authorities. The records connected with this enquiry have also been received. In their deposition iven before the Amildar the devotees of the Temple as well as Mr. Lakshmanasami say that if Govt. were to assume the management of the temple and if they were to supplement the amount found deficient for the regular conduct of nityakatle and Hetchukatle utsavams in the temple by a fixed monthly grant, they would at once ~~surrender~~ pay the pudvats of Rs. 2000/- and 1020/- promised by them and would also make over ~~away~~ to them (Govt.) the landed and all other properties ifted by them for the benefit of the institution. Having regard to all these, the Amildar, the Assistant Commissioner in chagge of the Malur Sub-division and

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and the Dy. Commissioner are ~~all~~ unanimous in saying that the institution is one worthy of liberal encouragement and fit to be taken under Govt. management, as prayed for by the memorialist, Mr. G.L. Lakshmanasami and his co-workers, ~~in the field of the resuscitation of this temple.~~

In conclusion, the Deputy Commissioner recommends that (i) an annual grant of Rs. 180/- be sanctioned for the benefit of this temple and that (ii) it --- should be left to the devotees themselves to bear the expenses of the car-festival and other extraordinary utsavams.

Muzrai Secretary's Remarks:-

The case is one which deserves favourable consideration by Government. The temple is stated

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to be an ancient one and to be held in veneration by the public. It does not enjoy any cash or land inams ~~by~~ from Government, but it seems to have received an allowance of 2 Kantiroyi Varahas from the Palace, which ceased on the demise of H. H. the late ----- Krishnaraj Wodeyar Bahadur III. The temple has been under the management of Mr. Lakshmanasami's ancestors for a long time past and during recent years that gentleman and a number of local devotees have repaired the temple at heavy cost to the extent of Rs. 15,000. Both the Assistant Commissioner and - the Deputy Commissioner have after personal inspection, reported that the temple is in excellent condition and that its services are performed regularly, mainly from the monthly contribution of 25 Rs. made by Mr. Lakshmanaswami who finds it inconvenient to continue such a large contribution as he -- has now retired from service. Some endowments are promised by the devotees and by Mr. Lakshmanaswami but

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as the income therefrom is insufficient to maintain the institution in proper working, a cash grant from Government is prayed for. The Deputy Commissioner recommends a grant of Rs. 15/- per mensem. The temple, in my humble opinion, deserves the aid of Government so that it may be kept up in the efficient condition in which it is now, and the cash grant proposed may, it is respectfully submitted, be sanctioned.

The endowments promised may be secured and the managment of the temple taken up by Govt. as prayed for, and a suitable scale of charges -- prepared and prescribed.

Mr. Lakshmanaswami may, in view of the deep interest taken by him, be nominated as the manager of the temple subject to the general supervision of the Amildar.

The cash grant recommended may, if approved, be given effect to from the 1st July 1908.

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Secretary to the
Govt. Mysore.

Mumtaz Ahmed
31st January 1908.

Please consult the Financial Branch

Mr M
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Forwarded to the Secretary to the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore Financial Branch for favour of opinion.

By order
1/2/08 Mumtaz Ahmed
Secretary Mysore Govt

Submitted.

Within the last 7 months there have been 4 cases from the Mysore Govt for the

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they are detailed as follows:—

(1) Jasdik to the Brindawan at Calcutta.

(2) do — to the Anjaneyaswami at Basavangudi

(3) do — to the Kodandaramaswami temple at Nazarbad, Mysore.

(4) do — to the Kodandaramaswami temple at Lakkur.

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6/12/08.

As each endowment of Rs 3020 is promised and at the Savings Bank rate of interest, the annual income from the investment of this amt would be only about Rs 95. To what extent this will be supplemented by the income from the landed property proposed to be given to the temple

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is not ascertainable as accurate information on the point is not available in the file It is also not clear what is the minimum monthly expenditure for the absolutely necessary services to be Conducted in the temple and before information on these two points is ascertained it does not seem possible to fix the amt of grant which may be given by Govt. It will be seen from the records that the temple once enjoyed a grant of one two pagodas from the Palace and now Lakshmana Sami has asked for a monthly Vasdik of Rs 12/8 while the recommendation of the Dy Comm and the Muzarai Dept is for Rs 15 p.m.

As regards the grant itself it is not known if it is the recognised policy of Govt to sanction perpetual grants to minor local temples like the one under Consideration and if there are orders regulating such grants and specifying in what circumstances and under Conditions such grants are

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The making of perpetual grants is a matter that should be carefully considered & there must be some clear principles laid down for guidance. A certain fixed sum should be assigned in the mez. budget & this limit should not be exceeded, grants being made only in the most deserving cases.

I would suggest the desirability of making grants for a 4 to 5 years say 5 the devotees being given to understand that within that time they should try to provide other sources of income to the temple. In the present case I fear the devotees have gone about furnishing the temple with all sorts of luxuries such as extensive buildings vahanams jewels &c before arranging for the permanent conduct of worship. The endowments promised both in cash & land may I think yield a sufficient income to provide for the minimum requirements of daily

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

No 178
& 15-2-08

Received 15/2/08

I would suggest instead of a ~~pa~~ tasdik in perpetuity a grant ~~of~~ not exceeding 12½ Rs per ann for a period of 30 or 5 years

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14/2/08

Murai Secretary's remarks:—

With reference to the remarks recorded by the Officer of the Financial Department, I beg respectfully to state that there are no definite Rules for the grant in perpetuity of new allowances to Temples and other Muzrai institutions. Such grants have in recent years been made in special cases to temples built in new towns which have sprung up, and to some old institutions, which are highly venerated by the public and whose Tasdiks have been found quite insufficient at the present day owing to the great rise in prices.

Very deserving cases are now and then brought to notice and

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it is found necessary to give Govt. help to keep up such institutions. A small annual grant of, say Rs 500/- may, it is submitted, be provided for such cases.

The suggestion made to the effect that such grants may be given for a period of ~~5 or 10~~ 3 or 5 years will not in my humble opinion meet requirements as there is no guarantee of the institutions being kept up in good condition after the expiry of those periods. Whatever is given should, it is submitted, be given in perpetuity.

The case of the Sri Kodanda Ramaswami temple now in question appears to be a deserving one and, if the whole of the amount, viz Rs 15 per annum

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recommended by the Dy. Commissioner be considered excessive, then the smaller sum of Rs 12 1/2 per mensem asked for by the Petitioner may, it is respectfully submitted, be sanctioned in favour of the institution, which may thence forward be taken under Govt. management.

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30.6.08
Submitted to the Dewan through the 2nd Joint } V Ramalingam Pillai 30/6/08

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These perpetual grants of Cash Jasdik should be jealously scrutinized. The temple in the present case is a minor one in a small village & is of local importance If the grant can be made

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it should be in perpetuity
It is entirely a question
of funds and no provision
exists in the Budget

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I will speak to the 2nd
Councillor about this

20/7/1908

This is a temple of local importance only, and I do not think the tasdik recommended can be sanctioned, unless the Muzrai Superintendent can show how the cost can be met from the present Muzrai grant by reducing expenditure elsewhere.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar Dt

No 4081/2 dt. 1.2.08 & 08

Intimates, as ordered by the Dewan above, that the temple being of local importance only, the Govt do not think that the tasdik recommended can be sanctioned unless it can be shown how the cost can be met from the present muzrai grant by reducing expenditure elsewhere

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar Dt

No 5478/205 dated 13 2 08

Reports that the tasdik grants to the several muzrai institutions being only nominal, it is not possible to reduce expenditure in the case of any institution, and suggests that the proposed grant of Rs 180/- per mensem to the Lakkur Sri Kodanda Ramaswami temple may be met from the interest on Rs 6,500/- belonging to the Sri Venkataramanaswami temple at Chik Tirupati, Malur Taluk, invested in the Govt of India Pro: notes, further states that such transfer of funds will not affect the latter temple as it annually gets an income of nearly Rs 1000/- in the shape of kanike during the Jatra, and solicits sanction to this proposal, as it is absolutely necessary to suitably encourage people coming forward with

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liberal contributions in matters divine.

Under Secretary's orders

Bring up after my return.

I Shall inspect this

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I inspected this Temple and Tirupati Temple lately and made local enquiries. No doubt this Lakshmi Temple deserves a grant. But it is said that the income of this Tirupati Temple is falling off; and hitherto disputes between this Lakshmi people and the Lakshmi Sami is for ever cut and root (File No 440 of 1909-10) it will not be wise to sanction any grant. The Villagers are likely the Satapil with even B. S. a thumbi.

Issue this draft for me

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

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From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

Dated

Despatched

Received

General No.
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No. One

Has the honor to forward herewith for early enquiry and report, Petition no 6/237 dt 15th July 1907 from Dr. G L Lakshmana Swami, retired Assistant Surgeon, Mysore Medical Service stating that the temple of the Sri Kodandaramaswamy at Lakkur in the Malur

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as under the management
of his family, that the temple
an allowance of
was getting two Pagodas from
the Palace which ceased after
His late Highness' demise
and that he is willing to pay
a Sum of Rs 2000/- for the
benefit of the temple to be
invested in the Govt 4 %
Loan paper and praying
that the Govt may be pleased
to grant a Jaghir of Rs. 12 1/2
per mensem for the maintenance
of the temple in addition to
the interest to be realized
on the above investment.

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20/7/09
Secretary

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Enclt + Mr Lakshmanaswamy. RO

Jan 1908 F107-07-3

From
C Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire
B A B L.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar district

To
L. Anantaswami Rau Esquire B
Secretary to Government
Muzarai Department
Bangalore

Dated

Despatched 17. 1. 1908.

Received

General No 3948

No. 188

Enclosure No 1 file

Refer earlier please

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Kindly put up a clear note for orders

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

Dated Kolar the 17th January 1908.

From
C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire B.A.B.L
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

To
L. Anantaswami Rau Esquire B.A.
Secretary to Government
Miscellaneous Department

Sir,

With reference to your docket No: 361 dated 24th July 1907, calling for a report on the petition from Mr. G. L. Lakshmanaswami, retired Assistant Surgeon, Mysore, praying for a monthly grant of Rs 12½ from Government for the maintenance of the Sri Kodandaramaswami Temple at Lakkur in the Malur Taluk, I have the honor to state as follows:—

2. I visited the village of Lakkur recently during my recent Huzur Jamabandi and from what I could gather, the temple of Sri Kodandaramaswami said to be in existence from the time the village was founded is not a Muzrai Institution, and has no endowments or tasdiks from Government. It seems to have been an ordinary place of worship till the year 1863-64, when one late Ramiah, Native Pandit at the Palace at Mysore, who was a resident of this village, having represented to His Highness the late Krishna Rajendra Wodeyar Bahadur, the condition of the temple, obtained the sanction of

His

His Highness for a monthly grant of two Kanthirai Pagodas for the worship in the temple, in the year 1851-52. It is ascertained from the records, that the archak of the temple was asked to appear in the Palace to furnish some information about the temple. He having failed to so appear owing to some inconvenience the grant of the Cash Jasdik was stopped.

3. Pandit Ramiah was looking after the temple till his death, when Lakshmiah his nephew was in charge of it for some time. Since then, Lakshmiahs' sons have been looking after its affairs.

4. When plague broke out in the village during the year 1899-1900, some mischievous persons seem to have damaged the Mulavigraha in the temple. Mr Lakshmanaswami with the assistance of Patel Venkataramiah and others Consecrated the idol at a Cost of about Rs 3000/-. They have also, since endowed the Institution with properties worth about Rs 3500/-.

5. The petitioner Mr Lakshmanaswamy having retired from service, expresses his inability to continue spending Rs 25/- every month for the worship in the temple and wishes to Contribute a further donation of Rs 2000- in favour

of the temple and prays that the management of the temple may be taken by Government.

6. Patel Venkataramiah who is a Dharmadarsi of the temple states that the contribution collected from the devotees viz Rs 1020/- would be deposited in the Savings Bank, if the expenses of the car festivals & other processions are undertaken by the Government.

7. The Sub Division officer, Malur Division also reports that the temple is substantially built and is kept in a neat and tidy condition as I found it, that the temple services are regularly performed and that Mr. Lakshmanaswami is spending about Rs 20/- a month.

8. The Vernacular records also show that Mr. Lakshmanaswami and his ancestors, Patel Venkataramiah and other devotees have taken great interest in the improvement of the temple and have spent about Rs 15000/-

9. Under the circumstances, the Institution would seem to deserve encouragement and fit to be taken under Government management as prayed for by the memorialists.

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The amount of Rs 3020/- offered by Mr. Lakshmanaswami and Patel Venkataramiah, may be invested in Mysore Government 4% Loan, which would yield an annual amount of Rs 120/-. To keep up the present scale of expenditure an annual grant of Rs 180/- by Government would be ample. The devotees themselves should undertake to bear the expenses of Car festival and other extraordinary festivities.

10. The vernacular Correspondence ending with Malur Sub Division officer's report No: 301 dated 30th October 1907 together with the memorial of Mr. Lakshmanswami received with the above are herewith submitted for reference.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant-

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for Deputy Commissioner
N.K. Kolar district-

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From

To The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

Dated

Despatched 30.9.08

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General No. 1408 1/2
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Sir, Adverting to your letter no 3948/188 dy 17.ult. I am recommending the grant of an annual cash Zaidi of Rs 180 to the Sri Kodanda Ramaswamy temple at Lakkur in the Malur taluk. I am directed to state that the temple is one of great importance only and

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the Govt. do not think
that the Zadik recommended
can be combined, unless
you can show how the
cost can be met from
the present Mussaf Grant
by reducing expenditure
elsewhere.

2. The records received
with your letter under reply
are herewith ret'd. for repn.
and resubmission.

I have &c

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for Secretary

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From The Deputy Collector E 10-07-5
Madura District

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
General & Revenue Depts
Mozarai branch

Dated

Despatched 13/15 The February 1909

Received

General No. 5478

No. 205

Enclosure No. One file

States that the cash grant of Rs 180/- to the Sri Kodandaramaswami temple at Lakkur, Madur Taluk, may be met out of the interest accruing on the sum of Rs 6,500/- belonging to the Sri Venkataramana swami temple at Chikka Thirupathi.

Report - By Mr Appleby
G.A. as written

16/2/09

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Deputy Commissioners Office
Kolar District
Dated 13th February 1909

From,

C. Srikanteswara Aiyar Esquire
B.A. B.L.
Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

To,

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.
Officiating Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Inamdari Branch

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1408 1/2 dated 30th September 1908, requesting me to point out the source from which the cash grant of Rs 180/- to the Sri Kodandaramaswami temple at Lakkur in the Malur Taluk, may be met, I have the honor to state that the Jasdik grant to the several Inamdari Institutions being

only nominal, it is not possible to reduce expenditure in the case of any institution. I beg therefore to suggest that the proposed expenditure may be met from the amount of interest accruing on the sum of Rs 6500/- belonging to the Sri Venkataramana swami temple at Chikka Thirupathi Anekal Taluk, invested in Government of India promise as it will not in any way affect the management of the affairs of the said institution, which during the annual Jatra get an income of Rs 1000/- in the shape of Kanike &c. I request the favour of you obtaining sanction to this proposal as it is absolutely necessary to suitably encourage people coming forward liberal contributions in matters

2. The records received with your letter under reply, are herewith re-submitted for kind reference and obliging return when done with.

I have the honor to be.
sir
your most obedient servant

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for Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District

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From

Secy to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To The D/ Commissioner
Kolar

Dated

Despatched 23 March 1911

Received

General No. 985

No. 10- 3/ 1-

Enclosure No. 1 file -

His letter No 5478/205 dated 13th Feby 1909 recommending the grant of a salary of Rs 15/- a month to the Sri Kodanda Ramaswami temple, Sat Lakkur in the Malur Taluk, from the funds of the Sri Venkata-ramanaswami temple at Chicka Tirupati

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With reference to the

above, has the honour to
enquire if now that the
circumstances of the Chicka-
Tirupati temple is reported
to be falling off. the
Dy Commissioner is still of
opinion that a grant from
the funds of that Institution
to the Shri may be sanctioned
to the Sri Kodanda Rama-
Swamy temple at Lakkur.

2. It would perhaps be
desirable to consult in this
matter the wishes of the
Chicka-Tirupati temple
Dharma darsi also

3 The file of Vernacular
papers is herewith returned.

By order,

Dbl) 8/3/1911

for Dy Secretary